

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter – 10th July



As we enter our final week before the summer holidays, please remember to collect any wellies, spare clothes or other belongings that may still be on your child's peg. We would be grateful if all items could be taken home by the end of the week.

Topic: Next week, our learning will focus on transition and helping the children prepare for the exciting changes ahead. We will spend time talking about whether the children will be staying in Preschool for another year or moving on to Reception. Through stories, discussions, role play and creative activities, we will explore our feelings about change and celebrate the friendships we have made. Children who are remaining in Preschool will have opportunities to think about seeing their friends across the fence and how they can still wave, smile and stay connected. Those moving to Reception will begin to imagine their new classroom, teachers and routines, helping them feel confident and excited about their next step. Our aim is to ensure every child feels happy, supported and ready for their new adventure in September.

Supporting your child at home

As a special home learning activity, please encourage your child to create a "**My Preschool Memories**" picture or collage. They could draw their favourite activities, friends, teachers or special moments from the year and talk about what they are looking forward to next. Please bring this into school during the final week so we can share and celebrate our wonderful Preschool journey together.

Maths: Next week, our maths learning will focus on consolidating the wonderful skills the children have developed throughout the year. Through games and practical activities, we will revisit number recognition, counting, comparing quantities and simple number facts. We will also explore 2D shapes, their properties and where we can find them in our environment, as well as creating, copying and extending repeating patterns. This will be a fun opportunity for the children to apply their mathematical knowledge through play and build confidence in all they have learned this year.

Supporting your child at home

Here are some fun ways to continue practising maths at home:

- **Number Hunt** – Look around your home or on a walk for numbers. Can your child recognise and name the numerals they find?
- **Shape Spotting** – Find circles, squares, rectangles and triangles around your house and talk about what makes each shape special.
- **Pattern Challenge** – Create repeating patterns using toys, socks, leaves, snacks or coloured blocks. Can your child continue the pattern independently?
- **Counting Collections** – Count everyday objects such as buttons, stones, pasta shapes or toy animals. Encourage your child to check their counting carefully.
- **Number Facts Games** – Practise simple number facts by adding one more, taking one away or finding groups that make a given number.



Please use the QR codes to recap our phonics sounds

Set 1 Sounds

QR codes until 22nd June

s

S

Slither down the snake.

i

i

Down the body and dot for the head.

m

m

Down Mistle, mountain, mountain.

d

d

Around the dinosaur's bottom, up his tail neck and down to his feet.

n

n

Down Nobby and over his net.

a

a

Around the apple and down the leg.

t

t

Down the tower, across the tower.

p

p

Down the pirate pilot and around his face.

g

g

Around the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl.

k

k

Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.

f

f

Down the stem and draw the leaves.

o

o

All around the orange.

u

u

Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.

e

e

Lift off the top and scarp out the egg.

c

c

Curl around the caterpillar.

b

b

Down the toes to the feet and around the toe.

l

l

Down the long leg.

h

h

Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.

v

v

Down a wing, up a wing.

z

z

Zig-zag-zig.

r

r

Down the robot's back and curl over his arm.

y

y

Down a horn, up a horn and under head.

x

x

Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side.

j

j

Down his body, curl, dot for his head.

w

w

Down, up, down, up.



Star Poem

Flashy fish

Fish can swim and dive unhurried
but weave with speed if they are worried.

Their slimy scales will help them glide
and reflect the light which helps them hide.

Groups of fish will dart and dash.
Swiftly through the sea they flash.

Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



Last day of term 18th July –

Preschool will be only open half day, all children will need to be collected by 11:45am.



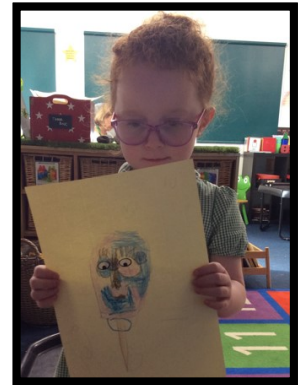
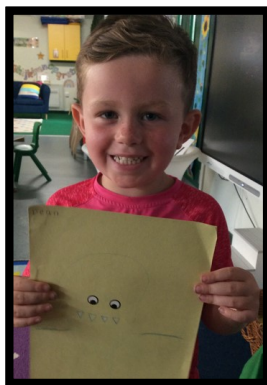
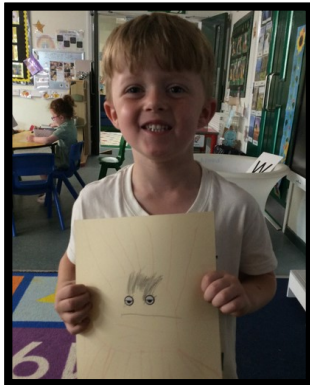
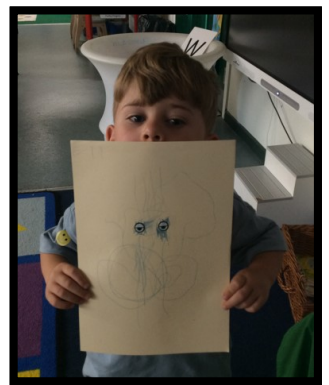
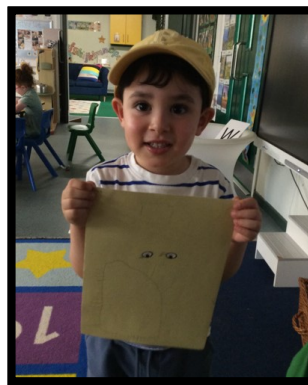
Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/#step-3-stopping-using-nappies>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhqts82#z8g8qyc>

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>

We have had a wonderful week, keeping cool while developing our artistic skills through a range of creative activities. Sports Day was a fantastic celebration and a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together, cheer one another on and share in the children's achievements. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, determination and team spirit shown by all of the children... and parents!





Have a lovely, cool weekend!
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool Team.